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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

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THE FBI - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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memorandum is unclassified.

PURPOSE: To advise of receipt of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) completed, publicly releasable report and to provide the effect our observations, as submitted to the Attorney General (1991) 114 letter 1/21/77, had on this report.

The attached memorandum dated 1/19/77, provided SYNOPSIS: background information regarding the Department's review of our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his assassination and that a report on this review was furnished the Director on 1/12/77. In this memorandum the OPR report was summarized and by letter to the AG dated 1/21/77, (copy also attached) our observations regarding the report were furnished to the Department. On 1/31/77, the OPR furnished its completed, publicly releasable report, which contained changes for classification and privacy reasons as well as some revisions based on observations in our letter to the AG of 1/21/77. Since the Department has already been furnished our observations on its report and our concerns as to privacy, informant protection and classification, it is believed no further correspondence to the Department is necessary and neadditional action is required on our part concerning the report.

The changes in OPR's report believed to result from our observations are outlined as follows. With respect to "The Assassination Investigation, " in its initial report, the Task Force states the Bureau's preparation and filing of a criminal

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complaint without first clearing with Department represents "Bureau's disdain for Department supervision." In recommendation number 3, Task Force initially recommended that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, approval of U. S. Attorneys Offices. furnished our observations pointing out file documentation reporting authorization received from both Attorney General and U. S. Attorney's Office. In final report Task Force states Bureau had disdain for the supervisory responsibilities of Department, however, changed information regarding complaint. In final report it states the AG authorized the prosecutive action, "but then, apparently without further consultation" with Department the Bureau prepared and filed a complaint. report states the Bureau filed the complaint in Birmingham because it "could not rely on the U. S. Attorney at Memphis" and "would lose control of the situation." "The Bureau Scenario called for then advising the AG 'that circumstances have required the action taken.'" As another example of "disdain" it states an Assistant to the Director "hung up the phone" on the AG and a Legat was ordered to be "diplomatic but firm with Vinson (an Assistant Attorney General) and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around." In discussing Departmental control, final report states, "In fairness to the Bureau it has to be observed that it is the obligation of the Department to insist on these prerogatives. We do not think it effectively did so in the King murder case." In the final report Task Force changes recommendation number 3 and recommends in sensitive cases no criminal action be instituted without the closest coordination and consultation with the supervising division of Department; and, this supervision should be as tight as the Bureau had with its field offices in the assassination investigation.

Although making no changes in its critical evaluation of King's security investigation or in its recommendations in its final report, the OPR (1) corrected its identification of the Bureau official who ordered removal of the January, 1966, microphone surveillance of King, (2) added a statement that Bureau indictes contained no record of any surreptitious entries against King or Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), (3) deleted information which tended to identify an informant, (4) deleted four informant



symbol numbers, (5) added to its explanation of "The Deegan File," (a term incorrectly used to describe location of King surveillance tapes and transcripts) (6) deleted information concerning a proposed counterintelligence action against King, and (7) deleted certain information concerning King's association with communists to effect declassification and avoid compromise of sensitive Bureau sources.

OPR took no action on our observations, other than outlined above. A number of minor discrepancies and typographical errors in the final report were brought to the attention of OPR on 2/1/77.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: By memorandum dated 1/19/77, (copy attached) you were furnished background information regarding the Department's review of our investigation concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and his assassination, and that a report of this review was furnished the Director on 1/12/77, by Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel, OPR. In this memorandum the OPR report was summarized and approval was obtained to furnish the AG our observations as to the report. These observations were set forth in letter to the AG dated 1/21/77, (copy attached).

On 1/31/77, Mr. Shaheen delivered one copy of OPR's revised report, which he described as publicly releasable, to SA V. R. Thornton, who has been conducting liaison with OPR's Task Force. Mr. Shaheen stated the report was for information of the Bureau, but requested to be advised if it presents any problems.

Following review of the revised report by personnel of the General Investigative Division, it is noted that, in addition to changes for classification and privacy reasons, OPR made some alterations based upon observation in our letter of 1/21/77, (these changes are outlined below). However, since the revised publicly releasable report is essentially unchanged from its original form and our observations have already been furnished to the Department, it is believed that no further correspondence need be directed to the Department relative to the OPR review and report.

From the standpoint of classification, privacy, and protection of informants, all of our concerns have been brought to the attention of the Department. There is no further action required on our part concerning the OPR report.

CHANGES IN OPR REPORT BELIEVED TO RESULT FROM OBSERVATIONS BY THE FBI IN LETTER TO AG

With respect to our letter to the AG, 1/21/77, the OPR took no action on our comments and observation except in the following instances:

A. The Assassination Investigation

In the initial report, Page 110, the Task Force states, "The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against 'Galt' on April 17, 1968, before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the



Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565)."

Also in the initial report in the "RECOMMENDATIONS, A. As to the Murder Investigation," the Task Force states on Page 144, "(3) The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorneys Offices."

In our letter to the Attorney General dated January 21, 1977, we provided observations that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555 - a FBI memorandum) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint and serial 44-38861-2323 (a Birmingham FBI report) reflects the United States Attorney's Office authorized the filing of the complaint. We further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process. Additionally on January 25, 1977, Task Force Attorneys requested a conference with representatives of the General Investigative Division and asked whether any further documentation could be obtained showing that the FBI did have authorization from the Attorney General prior to filing this complaint. Based on a FBI Headquarters inquiry, the Birmingham Office furnished by facsimile on January 25, 1977, a copy of a memorandum dated April 18, 1968, from the SAC, Birmingham to the Birmingham civil rights file reporting that United States Attorney Weaver said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred. A copy of this Birmingham memorandum (Birmingham serial 44-1740-1005) was furnished to the Task Force on January 26, 1977, and it stated it would take this matter under review.



In its final report, the Task Force changed the information regarding the filing of the complaint. On pages 110 and 111, the Task Force now states that "The Bureau files reflect a significant degree of disdain for the supervisory responsibilities of the Attorney General and the operating Divisions of the Department. For example, the Attorney General authorized the institution of prosecutive action against the suspect 'Galt' (Birmingham 44-1740-1005). But then, apparently without further consultation with the Attorney General or the Civil Rights Division, the Bureau prepared and filed a criminal complaint. The Bureau selected Birmimghan as the venue in which to file the complaint in preference to Memphis because the Bureau 'could not rely on the U. S. Attorney at Memphis' and 'would lose control of the situation' (HQ 44-38861-1555). The Bureau scenario called for then advising the Attorney General 'that circumstances have required the action taken' (HQ 44-38861-1555)."

In its initial report in further discussing "The Bureau's disdain for Department supervision," (Page 110) the Task Force noted that "the FBI 'Legat' in London was instructed not to take orders from Vinson (HQ 44-38861-4507)." (Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson): We orally pointed out to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that this citation regarding Vinson was incorrect.

In its final report the Task Force deletes this reference to Vinson on Page 110, however, on Page 111, the Task Force states, "As another example, at the extradition stage of the case, marked discourtesy was exhibited to the Attorney General and to Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson. In a telephone discussion with the Attorney General who complained of being 'kept in the dark', an Assistant to the Director accused the Attorney General of falsifications and 'hung up the phone'. Again, when Assistant Attorney General Vinson was detailed to England to arrange for the extradition of James Earl Ray, the Legal Attache was ordered to be 'diplomatic but firm with Vinson and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around' (HQ 44-38861-4447)."

In both its initial and final report, the Task Force stated "The Task Force views this lack of coordination and cooperation as highly improper. The Attorney General and the Division of the Department having prosecutorial responsibility for an offense being investigated should be kept fully abreast of developments. The responsible Division, moreover, should have sufficient control of the Bureau's investigations to insure that the legal necessities of pleading and proof are met."

*#r. C. D. DeLoach - retired



In its final report, however, the Task Force added, "In fairness to the Bureau it has to be observed that it is the obligation of the Department to insist on these perogatives. We do not think it effectively did so in the King murder case." (Page 112).

In its final report the Task Force changed the recommendation in item number 3 to read as follows:
"3. The task force recommends that in sensitive cases no criminal action be instituted by the Bureau without the closest coordination and consultation with the supervising Division of the Department. This supervision by the Department should be as tight as the control and consultation the Bureau had with its Field Offices as exhibited in our review of the assassination investigation."

B. The Security Investigation

OPR made no changes in its critical evaluation of of the security investigation or in its recommendations. Changes made in "The Security Investigation" section are as follows:

- (1) Page 128 in discussing microphone surveillance of King at the Americana Hotel, New York City, in January, 1966, the revised report identified Tolson, rather than DeLoach, as the Bureau official ordering the surveillance removed. Location in Bureau files regarding this microphone surveillance was corrected to serial 100-106670-2224X.
- (2) In our letter of 1/21/77, it was pointed out to the Department that the initial OPR report implied that the Bureau conducted surreptitious entries against King, when none were conducted, other than to install microphone surveillances. In its revised report OPR adds that Bureau indices were unable to locate a record of any entries against King or the SCLC. (Pages 137 and 138). (SECRET)

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(4) Page 127 - OPR deleted four informant symbol humbers appearing in the initial report as a list of microphone surveillances against King in New York City.

(5) In our letter of 1/21/77, it was pointed out that OPR use of the term "The Deegan File" in referring to the location of King surveillance tapes and transcripts was incorrect. While the amended OPR report continues to use this term, the statement "in order to provide more than

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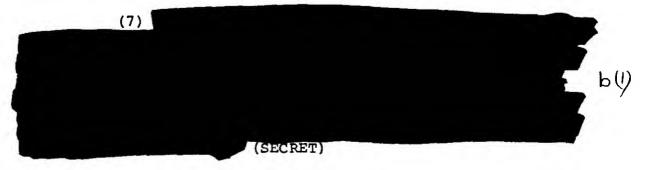
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normal protection" was added to the footnote explaining "The Deegan File," (Page 130).

(6) The initial OPR report (Page 134) contained a discussion regarding a proposed counterintelligence action against King. This entire page was deleted in the revised report, apparently for privacy reasons. This proposal concerned a woman with whom King was involved and a child born to her in 1965, reportedly fathered by King.



MINOR CHANGES IN REVISED REPORT

There were, however; a number of minor discrepancies and typographical errors in the revised report. These items, brought to the attention of Steven Blackhurst of Mr. Shaheen's Office, on 2/1/77, are as follows:

- (1) Page 24 the name of Special Agent Joe Hester' should be deleted for reasons of privacy.
- (2) Page 25 informant file numbers in paragraph one should be deleted.
- (3) Page 84 in the last paragraph the word "in" appears reduntantly.
- (4) Page 92 in line one the date March, 1969, should be March, 1968.
- (5) Page 134 the name of Atlanta Chief of Police Jenkins should be deleted for privacy reasons.
- (6) Pages 163-164 the name Lester B. Sullivan should be deleted for privacy reasons.
- (7) Pages 166-168 contains two memoranda, page two of each memorandum is incorrectly assembled and should be reversed.

l - Mr. Gallagher

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February 4, 1977

1 - Mr. Nugent

- Mr. Thornton

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Assistant Director - Legal Counsel Federal Bureau of Investigation

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE N. KELLEY, ET AL, (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

The enclosed memorandum sets forth findings of this Bureau with respect to overhears of Bernard S. Lee resulting from electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference by the FBI.

Your assistance in defending this civil action has been greatly appreciated by the FBI.

Enclosure

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NOTE: Civil Action No. 76-1185 filed on 6/25/76 seeks \$1 million from Mr. Kelley, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. William C. Sullivan, Mr. John P. Hohr, executor of the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, deceased; and two unknown FBI Agents. This suit seeks to compel the FBI to furnish the courts with all tape recordings, transcripts, and memoranda resulting from tapes of the plaintiff's conversations.

Departmental Attorney Benjamin C. Flannagan has requested that he be furnished data concerned with all instances involving overhears of Lee including dissemination of data obtained from same. This has been coordinated with SA P. Grant Harmon, Jr., of the Legal Counsel Division.

Although this civil action was dismissed on 1/31/77, the enclosure is being furnished to the Department because it represents the results of a two month research project and might be useful in the event the plaintiff appeals the order of dismissal.

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BACKGROUND

plaintiff and a number of other persons, in the Spring of 1963, met in a private room rented by the late Dr. Hartin Luther King, Jr., in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of assembling to petition their Government for redress of the civil rights of minorities. It further alleges this session was bugged and tape recorded by the defendants, or some of them, and that a copy of said tape was mailed anonymously to Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., about November 1, 1964, thereby disclosing the contents of this tape recording. It further alleges that this and other tape recordings of activity involving plaintiff Lee have been disclosed or published to persons outside the FBI and the Government.

By memorandum dated October 28, 1976, you were furnished additional details concerning plaintiff's allegation in this regard, together with appropriate documents concerning this Bureau's electronic surveillance coverage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which resulted in overhears of conversations of plaintiff Lee.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an analysis of: 1) the type and number of instances wherein information was obtained from overhears of Lee and, 2) the dissemination of information received.

This analysis was prepared as a result of:

1) A review of appropriate indices at FBI Readquarters (PHIHQ), which determined that individuals who may or may not be identical to Lee were overheard on electronic surveillances

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in the Atlanta, Nawark and New York Offices of this Bureau. (It is to be noted that pertinent information pertaining to overhears of Lee by the Newark Division, including inclusive dates, authorization and dissemination, was set forth in this Bureau's memorandum dated October 28, 1976).

- 2) A review of all overhears of Lee contained in FBIHQ files on our investigation of communist infiltration of the SCLC.
- 3) A review of FEIEQ references listed in correlation memoranda on Loe dated July 28, 1965, and December 14, 1969, (the July 28, 1965, correlation memorandum is a summary of all FEIEQ references to Lee through the period March 1, 1965, and the December 14, 1969, correlation memorandum covers the period from May 1, 1965, through May 15, 1969) and all other references to Lee in Bureau files from May 15, 1969, through August 4, 1976.

Data obtained as a result of some of the overhears of Lee was incorporated into various types of FBI communications prepared by the Atlanta and New York Offices and sent to FBIHQ. A review of these communications developed the below information:

TYPE OF INFORMATION OFTAINED:

In reviewing the data obtained prior to this civil action from our overhears of Lee, it was determined that the information intercepted could generally be divided into five categories. Each interception was reviewed for content citing one or more of these categories. The number of intercepted items which had been furnished to FBIHQ prior to this civil action in all categories totaled 58. A description of the five categories and the total number of items in each are as follows:

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- 1) Contact by Lea with person and organizations having communist connections -
- 2) Items concerning SCLC business,
 personnel, administration. finances, meetings,
 public appearances and speeches 23

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3) Personal items involving Lee - 3
4) Travel of Lee and SCLC affiliates - 10
5) Personal items involving other SCLC affiliates - 12

Total

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OFTAINED:

Lee was actually overheard on 203 separate occasions by our Atlanta and New York Offices. Of these 208 interceptions (separate conversations) 58 were provided to PBIH? prior to the institution of this civil action, therefore, the total number of instances where dissemination was made inside the PBI prior to this civil action (i.e. - Atlanta and New York to PBIHQ) is also 58. Of this total, 30 overhears received at PBIHQ were further disseminated within the Executive Branch of the Government. There were no instances of dissemination outside the Executive Branch of the Government. The remaining 28 overhears were not disseminated by PBIHQ.

Agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government receiving the majority of disseminated items were the Department of Justice (Internal Security and Civil Rights Divisions); United States Secret Service; Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (ACSI), Department of the Army; Office of Naval Intelligence and the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force. This dissemination was in accordance with the standard dissemination policy of the FBI at the time. Dissemination was also made to various other agencies of the Executive Branch when that agency had a direct interest in the information obtained.

ANALYSIS:

Based on the above, it is noted that of the total items (58) provided to PSINQ from the interception of the conversations of Lee, 51.7% were disseminated outside the FBI to agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government.

HERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY

President Lyndon B. Johnson requested all information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., in possession of the FBI. In response, copies of FBI communications previously furnished the White House were consolidated into six volumes entitled, "Communications Concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.," (classified Top Secret). These documents are being reviewed in attempt to discover additional overhears of Lee which may have been disseminated and you will be advised of the results of that review separately.

For your information, pertinent portions of electronic surveillance logs from the New York and Atlanta Offices containing overhears of Lee, which were not disseminated or transcribed, are in the possession of FBIHQ and can be made available for your review if you so desire.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- Mr. Ingram - Mr. Deegan Mr. Lawn

Mr. Thornton

DATE 3-3-81 BY SPW MILL

REBUTEL TO ALL OFFICES DATED JULY 28, 1976, WHICH SET FORTH BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING REVIEW OF OUR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INVESTIGATIONS BY A TASK FORCE OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ).

PURPOSE OF THIS TELETYPE IS TO ALERT WFO REGARDING PLANS OF OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL TO VISIT THAT OFFICE TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF OUR KING INVESTIGATIONS.

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FEBRUARY 9, 1977. IF THIS OCCURS, WFO WILL BE TELEPHONICALLY

ADVISED. THEY DESIRE TO REVIEW THE INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION

OF KING, AND ALL KING RELATED SECURITY FILES, INCLUDING

"COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE," "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS," AND

"CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION."

IT IS NOTED THAT ALL PERSONNEL OF THE TASK FORCE ARE
AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AND SUBFILES AT
FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD REGARDING INVESTIGATION OF KING, HIS
FAMILY MEMBERS, AND ASSOCIATES. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER
PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI
SOURCES AND INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS
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CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE
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CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM THEIR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BY

TELETYPE AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE: The Attorney General has ordered a review of our $\overline{\text{King}}$ investigations. It is being conducted by a task force of OPR and is a continuation of a previous review by the Civil Rights Division of the DOJ.

WFO has been telephonically furnished contents of teletype. Task force personnel have been advised concerning address of WFO and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. WFO has been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram or SA V. R. Thornton.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE FBI - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SECURITY AND ASSASSINATION

INVESTIGATIONS

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To advise of further documentation received from our Birmingham Office advising that in 1968 the Attorney General (AG) authorized the prosecution of Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for James Earl Ray). The recent report by the Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, reported that the Bureau prepared and filed this complaint without first clearing with the paparement

SYNOPSIS: By letter dated 1/21/77, we furnished our observations to the AG concerning captioned report. One of the issues raised by the Task Force was that the FBI prepared and filed a complaint without first clearing with the Department. We pointed out in this letter to AG that FBI file on civil rights assassination investigation contains a FBI memorandum $oldsymbol{3}$ (44-38861-1555) which reports the AG authorized the filing of a complaint, and a FBI report from Birmingham which reports an Assistant United States Attorney authorized the filing of a complaint. On 1/25/77, Task Force requested a conference with representatives of General Investigative Division (GID) and asked if any further documentation could be obtained showing AG authorization. GID representatives again pointed out that FBI memorandum (44-38861-1555) reports the AG authorized the filing of the complaint. Task Force stated it desired to contact retired FBI Special Agent Wilbur L. Martindale, the author of this FBI memorandum, relative to information in this memorandum regarding authorization from AG. Task Force advised we would attempt to locate Mr. Martindale's address per its request. **EI** FEB 8 1977

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Task Force was also advised we could further check with our Birmingham Office to determine if there was anything in Birmingham files not furnished to FBIHQ which would show any information regarding AG authorization. Task Force agreed. Based on FBIHQ inquiry, Birmingham Office furnished by facsimile on 1/25/77 a copy of a memorandum dated 4/18/68 from the SAC, Birmingham, to the Birmingham civil rights file reporting that U. S. Attorney Weaver said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred." Copy of this Birmingham memorandum furnished to Task Force, and it has this matter under review. On 1/28/77 Task Force advised it does not desire to interview Mr. Martindale.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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DETAILS: As you are aware, the Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, furnished a copy of its report of the review of the FBI's investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. By letter dated 1/21/77, we furnished our observations regarding this report to the AG, and the following was our response in this letter to one of the issues raised by the Task Force regarding the filing of a complaint by the FBI: (It is noted that Mr. Folsom set forth in this quotation is Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, Jr.).

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"On page 110, the Task Force states, 'The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against 'Galt' on April 17, 1968, before a U. S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565).'"

Also in its "recommendations," the Task Force states on page 144:

(3) "The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorney's Offices."

Observations were made to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint, and serial 44-38861-2323 reflects the United States Attorney's Office, Birmingham, authorized the filing of the complaint. Mr. Folsom stated the Task Force would take this under review. It is further noted that although the name of the Special Agent(s) of the FBI who contacted the Department is not set forth, serial 44-38861-1555 (a FBI memorandum) reports that on April 16, 1968, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for Ray) with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241 (Civil Rights Conspiracy Statute). Serial 44-38861-2323, (a Birmingham FBI report) reports that on April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by the FBI with Assistant United States Attorney R. Macey Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, who authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. Serial 44-38861-2323 further reports that a complaint was thereafter filed before United States Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968. It is further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process."

On 1/25/77, Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, Jr., and Task Force Attorneys William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, and James Kieckhefer, requested a conference with SAS Hal N. Helterhoff and John T. Aldhizer III, of the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division. These attorneys asked whether any further documentation could be obtained showing that the FBI did have authorization from the AG prior to filing this complaint. The above named Agents again pointed out that the 1968 FBI memorandum (44-38861-1555) reports that the AG authorized the filing of this complaint. The Attorneys then stated they desired to contact the author of this 1968 memorandum, (Special Agent Wilbur L. Martindale, now retired), to interview him relative to the information in this 1968 FBI memorandum regarding authorization from the AG. The Attorneys requested the current address and telephone number for Mr. Martindale, and were advised we would attempt to obtain this information. Mr. Folsom stated that no information could be located in the Department of Justice files showing that the AG or anyone in the Department authorized the filing of this complaint.

These Attorneys were also advised that we could further check with our Birmingham Office to determine if there was anything in the Birmingham files, not furnished to FBIHQ, that would show any information regarding the authorization by the AG. Mr. Folsom agreed that contact should be made with our Birmingham Office. It is noted that the Task Force Attorneys previously reviewed the Birmingham files relating to King during its review of our investigation.

After we telephonically contacted the Birmingham Office, Birmingham furnished by facsimile on 1/25/77 a copy of a memorandum dated 4/18/68 from the Birmingham, SAC to the Birmingham civil rights file (copy attached). In this memorandum, the SAC (retired SAC Joseph H. Gamble) advises that U. S. Attorney Weaver (Birmingham) said, "he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of Galt; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI Officials. He further advised Weaver that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred."

On 1/26/77, Task Force Attorney William White was furnished a copy of this Birmingham memorandum. He stated the Task Force would take this matter under review and would thereafter advise whether or not it was still necessary for the Task Force to interview Mr. Martindale.

On 1/28/77 Mr. White advised the Task Force does not desire to interview Mr. Martindale.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

File (44-1740)

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U. S. Attorney MACON WEAVER telephonically contacted SAC this date and indicated that he had received a telephone call from EAPL MORCAN, District Attorney, who had been in conference with Commissioner COOPIR GREEN. MORCAN stated that he wished to know why Birmingham was chosen as the place in which the complaint was filed charging CALT with violation of the Civil Rights Statute.

WEAVER advised him that he did not know the answer to the question, but he would call Attorney Ceneral RAMSAY CLARK in Washington and attempt to get an answer for him. WEAVER said he spoke to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General indicated that he did authorize prosecution of GALT; however, he was not aware where the process was to be filed since that was the decision for FBI officials. He further advised WEAVER that he assumed that Birmingham was chosen because it was a place where the first overt act of conspiracy occurred.

WEAVER conveyed this information to Mr. MORGAN, and WEAVER stated that MORGAN appeared to be satisfied. Mr. WEAVER indicated that MORGAN's prime concern was that the filing of the process in Birmingham would result in Birmingham obtaining a bad reputation.

This information telephonically given to Supervisor McGOWAN at the Bureau.

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To advise of contents and observations concerning PURPOSE: captioned report, and to furnish our observations to the Attorney General (AG) in attached letter.

106670 FC-19 100 SYNOPSIS: Department of Justice Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) has furnished a copy of its report of review of the FBI's investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Force reported the following re "The Assassination Investigation: " It is satisfied the FBI did a credible job in attempting to identify any conspiracy; James Earl Ray judicially confessed that he intended to and did kill Dr. King; the investigation was thoroughly, honestly and successfully conducted; the evidence pointing to guilt of Ray was conclusive; found no evidence of any complicity on part of Memphis Police Department or FBI; the sum of all evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it makes the point no one else involved; it unearthed some new data which answers some persistent questions the FBI did not seek; but FBI concentrated on principal in case and found no dishonesty in this; by "hindsight" task force believes Ray's brothers could have been interrogated further; discusses "Bureau disdain for Department supervision;" and it found no new evidence which calls for action by state or Federal authorities. Task Force makes "Recommendations - As to the Murder Investigation, and our observations concerning. these recommendations and report set forth in attached letter to AG.

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With respect to "The Security Investigation" of King, the OPR Task Force was to determine if the relationship between the FBI and King called for criminal prosecution or disciplinary action against Bureau personnel and if the FBI was involved in King's assassination. Task Force reviewed security files of King, the SCLC and our files relating to communist influence in the Civil Rights movement. The Task Force concluded that opening of King investigation in 1962 was justified, but its continuance was unwarranted since there was no evidence that King was a communist or affiliated with the Report states that the dispute between King and Mr. Hoover was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and documents "an extensive program within the FBI" to Report discloses surreptitious entries discredit him. against Levison,/ 6(1)

critical evaluation the Task Force believed investigation of King should have terminated when Levison disassociated himself from the CPUSA in 1963 and our discrediting actions were unwarranted and very probably in violation of Civil Rights Statutes. Report states the AG and Department of Justice failed in supervision of FBI internal security activities.

Briefly, Task Force recommendations as to the security investigation are as follows: (1) no criminal prosecution of Bureau personnel because five-year Statute of Limitations has expired; (2) no disciplinary action against personnel in active Bureau service; (3) tapes and transcripts of microphone surveillance in King case be sealed, sent to Archives and that Congress authorize and direct destruction of that material including reports derived thereof; (4) endorsed intradepartmental supervision of FBI by Department of Justice (OPR) and legislative oversight by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; (5) That the unauthorized malicious dissemination of investigative data from FBI files be made a felony rather than the presently described misdemeanor; (6) that the FBI have no authority to engage in COINTELPRO-type activities.

Our observations concerning the OPR report on the security investigation of King are set forth in attached letter to the AG.



Per request of OPR, we have been assisting Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public which is protective of privacy rights sensitive sources and classification concerns.

OPR instructed original version of the Task Force's report was to be classified "Top Secret" and requested Bureau designate individuals to assist Task Force in classifying the original report and in preparing a publicly-releasable report. Document Classification Officer (Security Officer) of FBI was designated to assist Task Force representatives in classification matters and on 1/17/77, the report, Appendix A and Appendix B were classified on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis. Document Classification Officer (DCO) on 1/18/77 assisted Task Force in preparation of sanitized verson invoking where possible approved classification standards. In spite of paraphrasing, sanitized report could be detrimental to this Bureau's counterintelligence interests in that sources and methods may, through logical speculation, be identified.

All information in this memorandum is unclassified unless otherwise indicated.

RECOMMENDATION: Attached for approval is a letter to the AG setting forth our observations concerning this Task Force report.

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BACKGROUND: In 1975, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives Select Committees on Intelligence Activities conducted inquiries and held public hearings concerning the FBI. Following disclosures made during these hearings, the AG directed, in November, 1975, the Civil Rights and the Criminal Divisions of the United States Department of Justice to review the files relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened.

In April, 1976, the AG announced that, based on the preliminary review by the Civil Rights Division, the tentative conclusions were: (1) there was no basis to believe that the FBI in any way caused the death of Dr. King; (2) no evidence was discovered that the FBI investigation of the assassination of Dr. King was not thorough and honest; (3) instances were found indicating that the FBI undertook a systematic program of harassment of Dr. King in order to discredit him and harm both him and the movement he led.

The AG then ordered that the OPR of the Department complete this review, and that answers to the following questions be furnished to the AG and to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley: (1) whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest; (2) whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King; (3) whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King; and (4) whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate actions.

Since May, 1976, a Task Force of Departmental Attorneys under the OPR has been reviewing our investigative results, both at FBIHQ and in the field, of both the assassination investigation (civil rights investigation) and our security investigation of Dr. King.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE - OPR:

By memorandum 1/12/77, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, OPR, United States Department of Justice furnished to the Director of the FBI a "Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr.,





Security and Assassination Investigations." Mr. Shaheen also requested to know the names of those Bureau employees the Director intended to designate to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly releasable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and classification concerns. (Response made to Mr. Shaheen in this regard by letter 1/17/77).

This report consists of 149 pages plus the appendices. After the "Introduction" this report consists of "The Assassination Investigation," "The Security Investigation," "Recommendations," and the "Appendices," which consist of "Documents Cited in Report," "Interview Memoranda," and "Notes from FBI Files and Records from Other Sources." The Task Force advises this report is based upon review of FBI files (at FBIHQ and in the field), witness interviews (as conducted by the Task Force) public source material including newspaper accounts and books, review of the AG's file, files of other Government agencies and the Memphis Police Department as well as an on-the-spot inspection of the crime scene by the Task Force and a review of the local court records (where James Earl Ray was prosecuted).

THE ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated on 4/4/68, in Memphis, Tennessee. The FBI, based upon the request of the United States Department of Justice, instituted an immediate civil rights investigation into this assassination. Based upon our extensive investigation, James Earl Ray was identified as the assassin and subsequently pled guilty to this murder in State Court in Tennessee. He presently is in local confinement.

The Task Force report states that "based on our review of the files, the task force is satisfied that the FBI did a credible and thorough job in attempting to identify any possible conspiracy or persons who could have been involved in the murder," (Page 63). The Task Force states it hoped to have an opportunity to go over the facts with James Earl Ray, (Pages 85 and 86). (It is noted Ray never consented to a FBI interview.) Ray agreed with the advice of his attorney and did not consent to an interview by the Task Force (Page 86). In reviewing the local guilty plea of Ray the Task Force states, "Thus, Ray has judicially confessed that he intended to and did kill Dr. King," (Page 87).





The Task Force addresses the claim of Ray to author William Bradford Huie that he "drove 'Raoul' away from the crime scene after the murder wholly unaware of the killing of Dr. King. In this version 'Raoul,' or 'Roual,' is the mysterious killer who Ray thought to be an international gun-runner," (Page 88). (Our investigation never identified the existences Raoul" or "Roual.") The Task Force also examined the allegation that Ray was "set up as a 'patsy' for 'Raoul.'" The Task Force states "The task force views the exculpatory content of these varying and patently self-serving tales to be unbelievable. The varying details are materially self refuting. Ray first admits full guilt," (Pages 88 and 89). The Task Force also states "We conclude on the basis of the evidence examined that there was no such conspiracy," (Page 90).

In examining Ray's "Sources Of Funds" the Task Force states "Therefore, the Bureau was particularly interested in determining his sources of income," (Page 98). In discussing the "Critical Evaluation Of The Assassination Investigation, the Task Force states "First, the task force has concluded that the investigation by the FBI to ascertain and capture the murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was thoroughly, honestly and successfully conducted," (Pages 106 and 107). "Second, the task force views the evidence pointing to the guilt of James Earl Ray as the man who purchased the murder gun and who fired the fatal shot to be conclusive," (Page 108). "Third, we found that conspiracy leads (aliunde Ray's versions) had been consciently run down by the FBI even though they had no possible relation to Ray's stories or to the known facts. The results were negative. We found no evidence of any complicity on the part of the Memphis Police Department or the FBI;" (Pages 108 and 109). "But the sum of all of the evidence of Ray's guilt points to him so exclusively that it most effectively makes the point that no one else was involved," "Fourth, it is true that the task force unearthed (Page 109). some new data--data which answers some persistent questions and which the FBI did not seek. But the Bureau concentrated on the principal in the case and much was not considered important to his discovery and apprehension. We find no dishonesty in this," (Page 109). "By hindsight the task force believes Jerry and John Ray (Ray's brothers) could have been effectively interrogated further to learn their knowledge, if any, of James Earl Ray's plans, his finances and whether they helped him after King's death," (Page 110).





In discussing the "Bureau's disdain for Department supervision," the report states that "the FBI "Legat" in London was instructed not to take orders from Vinson (HQ 44-38861-4507), (Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson) (Page 110). Although this citation is incorrect as pointed out to the task force on 1/17/77, it is noted in this regard that the Legat in London had liaison with the London authorities regarding Ray's extradition to the United States, and it was then and still is established policy in civil rights cases for the Department to make any requests to FBIHQ.

Also on Page 143, the task force states, "The task force does not fault the technical competence of the investigation conducted into the death of Dr. King." We found no new evidence which calls for action by state or Federal authorities. Our concern has developed over administrative detection tactics.

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE MURDER INVESTIGATION AND OUR OBSERVATIONS: In the attached letter to the AG our observations are set forth concerning the Task Force recommendations and the report. Therefore, the Task Force recommendations as to the murder investigation are not summarized in this memorandum.

SECURITY INVESTIGATION: As stated above, the OPR Task Force was specifically requested by the AG to determine if the relationship between the FBI and King called for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action. In addition, examination of King and related security files was to determine if the FBI was in any way involved in the assassination of King.

In its review the primary security files of interest to the Task Force, in addition to the King security file, were as follows: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Communist Influence in Racial Matters; Communist Party USA (CPUSA) - Negro Question and Stanley David Levison, (Secret).

In its final report, the Task Force devotes pages 112-139 to a discussion of our King security investigation, utilizing subheadings entitled, "FBI Surveillance and Harassment of Dr. King," and "Critical Evaluation of the Security Investigation." The Task Force issues six recommendations as to the security investigation of King.

In its report, the Task Force traces the FBI's





relationship with King to include initiation of investigation in 1962, which was based on his association with Levison, and Communist Influence in the Civil Rights movement, the degree of which was debated in internal memoranda between Mr. Hoover and the Domestic Intelligence Division. The Task Force concluded opening King's investigation in 1962 was justified, (Page 122); that its continuation was unwarranted, (Page 123); the Bureau to date has no evidence whatsoever that King was ever a Communist or affiliated with CPUSA, (Page 123); and that, the SCLC, under King, was anything other than a legitimate organization devoted to the Civil Rights movement, (Page 124). Further, the Task Force reported that Bureau files examined lacked any information that Levison's advice was dictated by the CPUSA or contrary to the interests of the United States (Page 124) (Secret).

The Task Force discussed the public dispute between King and Mr. Hoover concluding that this persistent controversy was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and ultimately destroy his leadership role in the Civil Rights movement, (Page 126).

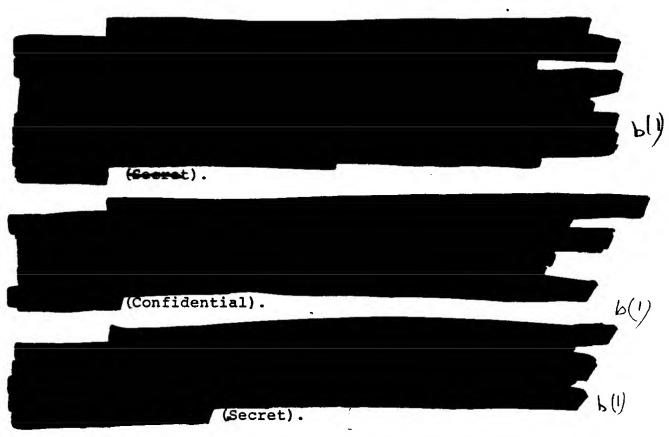
With respect to electronic surveillance of King, the Task Force report alludes to findings of the Senate Select Committee On Intelligence (SSC), which compiled a list of telephone and microphone surveillances against King. five additional installations not OPR report names previously reported by the SSC since, according to OPR, they appeared to have been unproductive either because King did not reside at the hotel as planned or that the recordings made did not pick up any significant information, (Pages 126-127). The Task Force reviewed selected portions of transcripts of electronic surveillances of King and reviewed several tapes to check accuracy of transcrpts with the original tapes. Task Force concluded the transcripts were basically accurate, although some material was not put on the transcripts because that portion of the recording was garbled or unclear or it was considered unimportant, (Page 130).



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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher

Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force



The Task Force report notes that the continuing security investigation of King also reflects that the AG and Justice Department Division charged with responsibility for internal security matters, failed badly in what should have been firm supervision of the FBI's internal security activities, (Page 142).

RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE SECURITY INVESTIGATION OF KING: Charged to address itself to whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and King called for criminal prosecution of disciplinary action the Task Force issued six recommendations, (Pages 145-149), which are summarized as follows:

(1) Criminal prosecution of Bureau personnel, past or present, responsible for possible criminal harassment of King was not recommended because the five-year Statute of Limitations has expired. No evidence of a continuing conspiracy was found.





- (2) It was recommended that no disciplinary action be taken against personnel still in active service in the Bureau. Responsibility for initiation and prolonging investigation of King rested with the deceased Director of the Bureau and his immediate lieutenants, who are either deceased or retired.
- (3) It was recommended that tapes and transcripts in the King case be sealed and sent to the National Archives and that Congress be asked to pass legislation denying access to them and authorizing and directing their total destruction along with material in reports and memoranda derived thereof.
- (4) Recognizing the potential for abuse by any Director of the FBI, the Task Force endorsed the Department of Justice (OPR) as an effective means for intradepartmental policing of the Bureau and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence as the legislative arm to oversee performance of the Bureau.
- (5) It was recommended that unauthorized malicious dissemination of investigative data from FBI files be made a felony rather than the presently prescribed misdemeanor.
- (6) It was recommended that the FBI have no authority to engage in COINTELPRO-type activities, which are precluded by the present AG guidelines governing the FBI's domestic security investigations.

Our observations concerning the OPR report on our security investigation of King are set forth in the attached letter to the AG.

PUBLICLY RELEASABLE REPORT: Per the request of the OPR, we have been assisting the Task Force in its preparation of a report it intends to make public concerning the King investigation which is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and classification concerns.

PRIVACY ACT: The Freedom of Information - Privacy (FOIPA) Branch pointed out to the Task Force its chief suggestion was to delete all names of Agents mentioned in the report below the level of Assistant Director based on possible invasions of privacy or potential harm. Although the Task Force appeared to be sympathetic to our arguments, they pointed out that names of many of the Agents involved in the investigation were revealed in the news media and by the Senate Select Committee.



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FOIPA Branch then raised on a page by page basis areas where it saw possible privacy consideration, including members of the Memphis Police Department and Fire Department, fellow inmates of Ray, and other individuals mentioned in the report. It was pointed out to the Task Force that we would be making releases in response to FOIA requests and would like to achieve some degree of consistency between their report and releases we were making.

In some instances they agreed with our observations. In others, they pointed out the particular individual and his involvement in the case was publicly known. In response to other points raised, they indicated they would take them under advisement.

CLASSIFICATION: By letter dated 1/12/77, the OPR instructed the Task Force's report and appendices were to be classified "Top Secret" and that the FBI designate persons to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly-releasable report.

The Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer), assisted by the former Martin Luther King security case supervisor and the current case supervisor of the sensitive sources who were involved in the King security investigation, were appointed for this purpose. It was agreed with Mr. Shaheen of the OPR that as the report represented a Department effort, it would be classified by the Attorney General based on the recommendations of the Document Classification Officer (DCO) and those assisting him. On 1/17/77, the DCO and his assistants furnished a representative of the Department Security Office paragraph-by-paragraph classifications for the report and its Appendices A and B. The DCO also assisted the Department Security Office in affixing proper classification markings to the report. Consultations by the DCO with the OPR on 1/17/77, determined that Mr. Shaheen at 4 o'clock on that date would furnish a copy of the "Top Secret" report to Senator James O. Eastland and Congressman Peter Rodino, both of whom chair committees with oversight responsibilties. Mr. Shaheen advised DCO it was his understanding the Senator and Congressman were being entrusted with this report, that it was for their perusal alone, and would be returned to the Department upon completion of their review. advised a copy of the report had been offered Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, but he refused the invitation to immediately review the report based upon pending commitments.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
Re: Report of the Department of Justice Task Force



On the morning of 1/18/77, the DCO and those assisting him met with the Task Force and considered paraphrasing all classified portions of the report to enable preparation of a releasable public report. Paraphrasing was necessary to protect extremely sensitive sources who have furnished information regarding King's communist associates. While all classification standards were invoked, the DCO has concern that public release of the report, even in its paraphrased form, could through logical speculation be detrimental to the security of our sources. The Task Force and the DCO differed on three pages of the sanitized report relating to a sensitive technique effected on a communist associate of King's. impasse was reached and the DCO stated he would not declassify and if the Task Force objected, they could refer the matter to the Department Review Committee (DRC), which has overall responsibility for classifications within the Department. The DRC Chairman refused to call a special meeting but agreed to discuss the classification dispute at its regular meeting at 3 p.m. At the regular DRC meeting, the Criminal Division representative to the DRC challenged the Task Force as to its use of the work "illegal" in describing a national security surreptitious entry. The DRC indicated although it was not going to make a decision regarding the legality of such techniques, it believed the issue of illegality was debatable and had not been resolved as Department policy. The DRC concurred generally with the arguments relating to classification presented by the FBI DCO, and the Task Force agreed to attempt to further paraphrase and sanitize the three pages in question. This was done immediately and the DCO approved the sanitized paraphrased version prepared by the Task Force as Chairman of the Task Force indicated he would unclassified. clear final version of sanitized report through Bureau and desired concurrence in its release by Mr. Adams' office.



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Assistant Attorney General Civil Division

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BERHARD S. LEE V. CLARRICE M. RELLEY, ET AL, (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185

1 - Mr. Gallagher 1 - Mr. Ingram

January 26, 1977

1 - Mr. Deegan

1 - Mr. Nugent

1 - Mr. Thornton 1 - Mr. Mints

(Attn: Mr. Harmon)

inclosed is a monorandum edvising of dissemination to the department of Justice of information obtained during this durant's electronic surveillances of Hartin Luther King, Jr. An indicated therein, the obtaining and dissemination of such data is an issue in this matter.

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NOTE: Civil Action No. 76-1185 filed on 6/25/76 seeks \$1 million from Mr. Kelley, Mr. DeLoach, Mr. William C. Sullivan, Mr. John P. Mohr, executor of the estate of Clyde A. Tolson, deceased, and two unknown PBI Agents. This suit seeks to compel the FBI to furnish the courts with all tape recordings, transcripts, and memoranda resulting from tapes of the plaintiff's conversations.

Departmental Attorney Benjamin C. Flannagan has requested that he be furnished data concerned with all instances wherein overhears of Lee were disseminated. This has been coordinated with SA P. Grant Harmon of the Legal Counsel Division. SA V. R. Thornton of the General Investigative Division listened to the edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Hotel incident and activities of King at the Hyatt House Hotel.

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Mr. Harmon)

BERNARD 8. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-1185

The original complaint in this matter alleges that plaintiff and a number of other persons, in the Spring of 1963, met in a private room rented by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of assembling to petition their Government for redress of the civil rights of minorities. It further alleges this session was bugged and tape recorded by the defendants, or some of them, and that a copy of said tape was mailed anonymously to Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., about November 1, 1964, thereby disclosing the contents of this tape recording. It further alleges that this and other tape recordings of activity involving plaintiff Lee have been disclosed or published to persons outside the FBI and the Government.

By memorandum dated October 28, 1976, the Department of Justice was furnished information concerning overhears of Bernard S. Lee resulting from electronic surveillance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by this Bureau. Additionally, you were advised that a review of investigative files relating to King produced no positive evidence which would indicate that a tape of the events at the Willard Hotel which occurred on January 5-7, 1964, has ever been played to anyone or heard by anyone outside the FBI, with the exception of J. Stanley Pottinger, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice. Mr. Pottinger, on the authority of the Attorney General, listened to one tape from the Willard Hotel electronic surveillance of King. tape and a number of transcripts were reviewed by Mr. Pottinger on December 19, 1975. A review of the entire transcript of the Millard Hotel activity involving King clearly reveals that plaintiff Loe was overheard on that occasion. -

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BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY

In May, 1976, the Attorney General directed a Task Force, from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice, to review the FBI's previous investigations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On November 29-30, 1976, Task Force Leader Fred G. Folsom, together with Task Force Representatives, William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, and James Kieckhefer reviewed the following tape recordings obtained during the Bureau's electronic surveillances of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 1. Portions of an edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Hotel incident and activities of Dr. Hartin Luther King, Jr., at the Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the period July 8-9, 1964.
- 2. Tape recording of conversation between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife on May 31, 1964.
- 3. Reels numbered 1 through 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14, of the Willard Hotel incident.

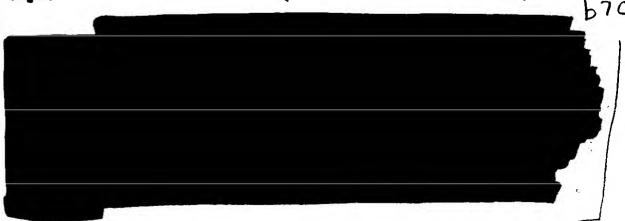
In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson requested all information concerning King, which had previously been furnished the White House, in possession of the FBI. response, copies of all FBI communications previously furnished to the White House on King were consolidated into six volumes entitled "Communications Concerning Martin Luther King, Jr." Volumes 3 and 4 of this communication contain transcripts which correspond to the above-listed tapes. These volumes were reviewed by Task Force Representatives for verification purposes. Volume 3, section captioned "Information Developed at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 5-7, 1964" and Volume 4, sections captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, March 18-20, 1964; "Information Developed at the Americana Hotel, New York City, New York, January 21-23, 1966; * and "Information Developed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, February 18-20, 1964" contain transcripts of overhears of plaintiff Lee.

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On January 18, 1977, a Special Agent of this Bureau, who is not familiar with plaintiff Lee's voice, listened to an edited composite tape recording of highlights of the Willard Rotel incident and activities of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles, California, during the period July 2-9, 1964, in an attempt to identify plaintiff Lee as one of the individuals overheard on the tape. It could not be determined whether plaintiff Lee was overheard during the monitoring of King at the Hyatt House Hotel.

It was determined that portions of the tape dealing with the Willard Hotel incident contain both audible and insudible conversations among as few as two individuals

None of those involved in the conversations are addressed as "Bernard" or "Lee" and plaintiff Lee cannot therefore be identified as an individual whose voice appears on this tape.



Plaintiff Loe was not overheard on the May 31, 1964, tape recording of conversations between Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife.

Our search of logical Eureau files in an attempt to retrieve additional overhears of Lee and dissemination of same is continuing and you will be advised of the results. UNITED STATES GO lemorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

Budget & Accounting Section SAPICSF

SEATTLE (44-371)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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VILLE (44-696) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA

Re Knoxville letter 9/1/76, and Bureau routing slip 1/14/77.

For information of Bureau, referenced letter dated 9/1/76 reflects cost data re captioned matter. No other costs incurred in this matter since letter submitted 9/1/76. In view of this, no further monthly tabulations being submitted UACB.

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fronted with these facts by the Eureau. On page 106 the Task Force states that, "We concluded that the FBI abandoned a significant opportunity to obtain answers from family members concerning some of the important questions about James Earl Ray which still remain."

On page 109, the Task Force states, "Fourth, it is true that the Task Force unearthed some new data - data which answers some persistent questions and which the FBI did not seek. But the Bureau concentrated on the principal in the case and much was not considered important to his discovery and apprehension; we find no dishonesty in this." "By hindsight the Task Force believes Jerry and John Ray (Ray's brothers) could have been effectively interrogated further to learn their knowledge, if any, of James Earl Ray's plans, his finances and whether they helped him after King's death." (page 110).

Our observations concerning the above statements by the Task Force are that family members were interviewed by the FBI approximately 50 times from April to June of 1968. Additionally, toll records were reviewed and contacts identified in the case of Carol Pepper, (Ray's sister), and the Grapevine Tavern, owned by Pepper and run by John Darry Ray. Bank records were also checked regarding Carol Pepper, John Larry Ray and Jerry Ryans (Ray's father). Neighborhood sources had also been developed and credit records were checked. These family members were interviewed for any information concerning Ray's background and location.

Jerry Ray was interviewed, for example, at least 10 times between April 19, 1963 and May 1, 1968. He was interviewed for all background concerning the Ray family, his contact with Ray and his source of money, was confronted about certain false information he had furnished, and was advised of the provisions of the Marboring Statute.

John Ray was interviewed, for example, at least four times between April 22, 1963, and May 4, 1968, for background information, whereabouts of Ray and his source of money, and was advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute.

While Ray was a fugitive the FBI requested the Department by memorandum dated May 13, 1968, to approve a technical surveillance at the residence of Pepper and Grapevine Tavern. The Department took no action on this request and the FBI withdrew this request by memorandum dated June 11, 1968, after Ray was apprehended.





The Task Force itself notes our previous investigation concerning Ray's family on page 59 wherein it states, "In connection with this search, Ray's family was identified, located, physically surveilled and periodically interviewed for information."

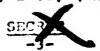
Our observations concerning our extensive previous investigation concerning Ray's family were brought to the attention of Er. Shaheen and the Task Force on January 17, 1977, for their consideration and evaluation. It is further noted that all of our investigative results, including those involving Ray's family, were promptly furnished to the Civil Rights Division for its consideration as to whether any additional Federal action was warranted.

On page 110 of this report the Task Force states, "Finally, the Task Force observed instances of FBI Headquarter's reluctance to provide the Civil Rights Division and the Attorney General with timely reports on the course of the murder investigation. For example, early in the investigation in a reaction to a press report of Attorney General Clark's expectation of making a progress report to the nation, FBI Director Hoover wrote: 'We are not going to make any progress reports.'"

In its "Recommendations" - "As To The Hurder Investigation" the Task Porce states:

(1) "The progress of such sensitive cases as the King murder investigation and the development of legally sufficient evidence to sustain prosecution are properly the ultimate responsibility of the Division of the Department having supervision of the kind of criminal prosecution involved. The Division head should delineate what progress reports he wishes. The Bureau should not be permitted to manipulate its submission of reports to serve its purposes, such as the protection of its public relation efforts, or the prevention of the responsible Division of the Department from causing the Bureau to pursue a line of inquiry which the Bureau does not approve. The Attorney General and his assistants are the officers most accountable to the electorate and they, not the police agency, must maintain effective supervision." (page 143).

Observations were made to Mr. Shaheen and the Task Force on January 17, 1977, for their consideration and evaluation, that timely reports were submitted to the Department even though they may have not been labeled "progress reports." It is further noted, as an example, that between April 5, 1963 and April 17, 1968, (the date the complaint



was filed in Birmingham, Alabama, discussed hereafter) at least nine memoranda were furnished by the Director of the FAI to the Department concerning the developments of this investigation. Additional pertinent memoranda, of course, continued thereafter on a timely basis. Our Pield Offices also submitted timely reports which were furnished to the Department and the following are several examples: A Memphis report dated April 17, 1968, consisting of 185 pages was furnished to the Civil Rights Division (CRD) on May 6, 1968; an Atlanta report dated April 18, 1968, consisting of 120 pages was furnished to the CRD on May 6, 1968; a Birmingham report dated April 17, 1968, consisting of 176 pages was furnished to the CRD on May 6, 1963. Additional reports from our Field Offices continued to be furnished to the Department on a timely basis. It is further noted that it appears "progress reports" to the nation would have been inadvisable and the Task Force in effect answers this issue on page 106 where it cites Departmental rules against disclosure of raw investigative files. The FBI was investigating a criminal matter and reports were submitted on a timely basis to the Department for its consideration as to whether any Federal action was warranted. The Department could have issued its own "progress reports" based upon the timely reports submitted by the FRI.

In its "recommendations" on page 144, the Task Force states:

(2) "As a corollary of our espousal of tighter Department authority over the FBI, we recommend that the Bureau's public relations activities and press relations be controlled by the Attorney General's Office of Public Information. Clear directives to prevent the development of personality cults around particular Bureau Directors and officials should be drawn. Bureau press releases should be cleared through the Office of Public Information."

It is noted that in the assassination investigation the Director instructed that "no comment" be made during this investigation. When it was necessary to make a major press release in the assassination investigation, it was made with the approval of the Attorney General and was made jointly with the Attorney General.

Departmental Order #24-60 issued September 8, 1933, and periodically restated instructs that "All publicity, whether relating to cases pending or to administrative, business or policy, must be authorized and given to the press through the Office of the Attorney General." The implementation of these instructions is carried out through



the Public Information Office of the Department of Justice. Continuous liaison is maintained with the Public Information Office by the External Affairs Division of the FBI and there have been no problems with this arrangement. All press releases, issued by FBI Headquarters, are cleared through the Department's Office of Public Information, as provided for under Departmental Orders.

On page 110, the Task Force states, "The Bureau's preparation and filing of the criminal complaint against "Galt" on April 17, 1968, before a U.S. Commissioner at Birmingham without first clearing with the Department, and the after-the-fact submission to the Attorney General of a draft press release about the complaint are illustrative of the Bureau's disdain for Department supervision (HQ 44-38861-1555, 1565)."

Also in its "recommendations", the Task Force states on page 144:

(3) "The Task Force recommends that no criminal action in sensitive cases should be instituted by the FBI without Departmental approval which would include, in appropriate cases, the approval of the United States Attorneys Offices."

Observations were made to the Task Force on January 17, 1977, that the FBI file on the civil rights assassination investigation (serial 44-38861-1555) reflects the Attorney General authorized the filing of the complaint, and serial 44-38861-2323 reflects the United States Attorney's Office, Birmingham, authorized the filing of the complaint. Hr. Folsom stated the Task Porce would take this under review. It is further noted that although the name of the Special Agent(s) of the FBI who contacted the Department is not set forth, serial 44-38861-1555 (a FBI memorandum) reports that on April 16, 1968, the Attorney General authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt (an alias for Ray) with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241 (Civil Rights Conspiracy Statute). Serial 44-38861-2323, (a Birmingham PBI report) reports that on April 17, 1968, the facts of this matter were discussed by the FBI with Assistant United States Attorney R. Macey Taylor, Birmingham, Alabama, who authorized the filing of a complaint charging Eric Starvo Galt for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241. Serial 44-38861-2323 further reports that a complaint was thereafter filed before United States Commissioner Mildred P. Sprague, Birmingham,





on April 17, 1968. It is further noted that in 1968 and up to and including the present time, it was Departmental policy in civil rights matters to obtain authorization from the Department prior to instituting "criminal action" (instituting Federal process such as filing a complaint or seeking an indictment, etc.). Also it was the policy of the FBI in 1968 and up to and including the present time to obtain the authorization of the Department and/or the appropriate U. S. Attorney's Office prior to the institution of any Federal process.

The last "recommendation" concerning the assassination investigation on pages 144-145 states:

(4) "It was observed that almost no blacks were in the FBI Special Agent's corp in the 1960's and none in the Bureau's hierarchy. This undoubtedly had the effect of limiting not only the outlook and understanding of the problems of race relations, but also must have hindered the ability of investigators to communicate fully with blacks during the murder investigation. By way of illustration had there been black Agents in the Memphis field office participating fully in the investigation of Dr. King's murder, it is unlikely that the interviews with at least three black members of the Memphis Police and Fire Department would have been overlooked. It is also very probable that black citizen 'lead' input would have been greater." This appears to be more of an opinion or observation rather than a "recommendation."

This recommendation makes reference to three black members of the Hemphis Police and Fire Department whose removal from assignment at a fire station, a surveillance lookout of the motel where Dr. King was staying, was reported as a basis for the House Select Committee to investigate the assassination of Dr. King. (pages 26 and 33). This Task Force report examines the basis for the removal of the black detective concerning a reported threat on his life and al: states on page 37 that, "Our investigation has not disclosed any evidence that the detail of Wallace and Newsum (the two black firemen) was in any way connected with the assassination of Dr. King." It is further noted that based upon a request of the Civil Rights Division in September of 1968, we conducted certain investigation concerning the information regarding the removal of this detective and firemen. Although we did not interview these three individuals, we did furnish results of our investigation regarding their removal to the Civil Rights Division by memorandum dated November 21, 1969, and no additional investigation was requested.

The Security Investigation

The following observations concerning the section of OPR's report which deals with the FBI's security investigation of King were brought to the attention of Department representatives at the above mentioned meeting on January 17, 1977, at FBIHQ.

General Observations

- (1) In a number of instances the Task Force report refers to "The Deegan File," a cabinet which contained sensitive documents and tapes in the King security investigation. The Bureau uses no such terminology to describe this material. Documents and tapes in this cabinet are properly charged out of official Bureau files and are merely stored in a cabinet located in the office of Mr. Deegan, Chief of the Domestic Security Section, General Investigative Division.
- (2) The Task Force report fails to show that the personal life and character of King were significant in making an intelligence assessment of King. This factor stressed by SA during interview by OPR, bold is also omitted in the recorded interview which is contained in Appendix B.
- (3) The OPR report makes no recognition of the "tenor of the times" during which King was investigated. Those were the years of considerable racial strife throughout the nation, when subversive and other disruptive elements were attempting to capitalize for their own advantage on the social awakening in our country and on the civil rights issue.

Specific Observations

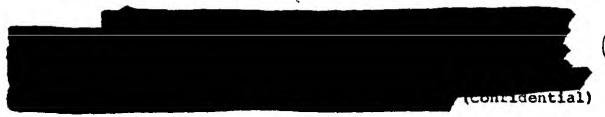
(1) Page 127 - Concerns installation by the New York Field Office on January 21-24, 1966, of a microphone surveillance against King at the Americana Hotel. It should be noted that documentation for this information is in FBIHQ file 100-106670-2224X rather than 2224 as indicated in the OPR report. The Task Force report states that Assistant to the Director DeLoach ordered the microphone removed at once and advised the Director that "no one here" approved the coverage. A review of this serial indicates these instructions were written by Mr. Tolson and not DeLoach. The OPR report indicates Mr. Sullivan authorized this coverage, but a review of the serial fails to indicate clearly who





actually made the authorization. On page 128 the report implies that coverage continued after the microphone was ordered removed. There is no such indication in the Bureau files as to the amount of time that lapsed following instructions to remove the surveillance to when actually removed. Therefore, there is no way to determine if surveillance continued in violation of instructions.

(2) Pages 138-139 - In a discussion of Bureau policy concerning surreptitious entries, the Task Force notes that "such approval was granted with respect to Hr. Levison and Dr. King" (page 139). This implies that the Bureau conducted surreptitious entries against King. There were no surreptitious entries as such conducted against King. In installing some microphone surveillances against King, however, trespass was necessary. (Secret)



(4) Page 146 - The report identifies four Bureau officials who ordered and directed counterintelligence activity and "illicit" dissemination of investigative data to discredit King. It was pointed out to Department officials that identification of present or former Bureau officials responsible for actions against King could jeopardize their personal safety.

The below additional observations, not made during the conference on January 17, 1977, are submitted for consideration of the Department:

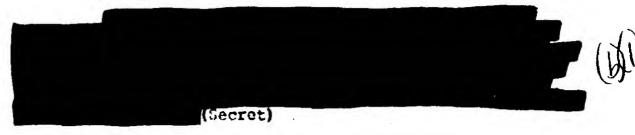
- (1) Page 112 The report indicates that
 Mr. Alex Rosen, Assistant Director of the General Investigative
 Division, advised Mr. Hoover of information concerning King,
 as reported in a memorandum from Scatterday to Rosen dated
 May 22, 1961. A review of this document reveals that
 Rosen's initials are not on it or is there any indication
 Rosen was aware of the memorandum. Therefore, there is
 no indication that Mr. Rosen advised the Director of such
 information, although it is acknowledged that Mr. Hoover
 was made aware of the information.
- (2) Pages 120 and 124 In these two instances the OPR report indicates that investigation of Ring and SCLC was predicated on belief they were under influence





of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). It should be noted that King and SCLC were investigated for communist influence and not just for influence of the CPUSA.

- (3) Page 126 The report refers to informant symbol numbers assigned to microphone surveillances of King. The Department should note that informant symbol numbers are used internally to control and administer informant operation and are not disseminated outside of the FBI.
- (4) Page 126 The report states that the persistent controversy between King and Mr. Hoover was a major factor in the Bureau's determination to discredit King and ultimately destroy his leadership role in the civil rights movement. The report fails to acknowledge that the primary factor in investigating King was the national interest and not the Hoover King controversy.
- (5) Page 134 With respect to a recommended counterintelligence proposal by the Atlanta Office, the report states the Task Force was unable to determine whether such actions were undertaken since they were neither approved nor disapproved by the Director, It should be noted that the Bureau communication acknowledging receipt of the proposal from Atlanta further instructed that Atlanta would be advised if such a counterintelligence tactic was to be utilized in the future. This additional information is omitted from the OPR report and there is nothing in the files to reveal any approval of the tactic.



(7) The OPR report fails to recognize one other important factor in the Bureau's recognition of King as a security risk. This concerns the fact that King was warned at the highest levels of Government (President and Attorney General) that he should discontinue his association with communists to prevent harm to his movement. His continued association with communists indicates King chose to ignore this responsible advice.



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While this Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer) has carefully reviewed and classified on a paragraph-by-paragraph basis the Task Force's "Top Secret" report, he has noted the information in this report is extremely sensitive and if compromised could cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. Additionally, while the Document Classification Officer has invoked what in his opinion are all available standards relating to areas of classification, in assisting the Task Force in preparing sanitized version of the report, nonetheless because of previously-released information there is concern through logical speculation and processes of elimination that disclosure of the sanitized report could jeopardize this Bureau's sources and methods of intelligence.

- 1 Deputy Attorney General
- 1 Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTN: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION 155

FROM

AC, PHOENIX (44-371)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

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Re Bureau Routing Slip 1/14/77.

The Phoenix Office has spent no time on captioned matter during the month of November or December, 1976.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU, ATTENTION: DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, DATED OCTOBER 18, 1976.

IN REGARD TO COSTS INCURRED IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 1976:

MANPOWER: NONE.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Office of Professional Responsibility

Report of the Department of Justice Task Force to Review the FBI-Martin Luther King, Jr. Security

and Assassination Investigations

By his memorandum of April 26, 1976, the Attor General directed the Office of Professional Responsibility to complete a review of all records in the Department of Justice concerning the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In ordering this review of all documents the Attorney General requested that answers to four specific questions be furnished to him and you. Specifically, the Attorney General requested to know:

- (1) Whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest;
- (2) Whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King;
- (3) Whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King;
- (4) Whether the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action.

EX 104 KEU-54 /00-106670 I transmit herewith three copies of the report of the special Task Force that was formed for the review Mr. Levi requested and to respond to the questions he asked.

I wish to advise you that the report and appendices are to be classified Top Secret by the Bureau. Accordingly, these materials should be handled as so classified.

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I would appreciate knowing the names of those you intend to designate to classify these materials and to assist the Task Force in preparing a publicly releaseable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and classification concerns.

The Attorney General has been given three copies of the report and you are being provided with three copies. This Office retains four copies and the Task Force possesses the original report and five copies. This information is provided for your use in directing the dispatch of the Bureau individual(s) who will classify the report and its copies.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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R.J. Gallagher

FROM J.G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. 1 - Mr. Adams

1 - Mr. Gallagher

1 - Mr. Ingram

DATE: 1/17/77

1 - Mr. Deegan

1 - Mr. Thornton

By memorandum dated 1/12/77, Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice transmitted three copies of the report of the Task Force to review the FBI - Martin Luther King, Jr., security and assassination investigations to the Director.

On 1/17/77, one copy of this report was returned to Mr. Shaheen, by SA Vernon R. Thornton, Domestic Security Section, General Investigative Division, at Mr. Shaheen's request.

None. For information. RECOMMENDATION:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
January 11, 1977

RE: Black Lick, Ohio

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On January 6, 1977, was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after had previously telephonically contacted the Columbus Resident Agency stating he had information concerning the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The results of the interview with are set forth as follows:

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Ohio, telephone number is currently employed columbus, Ohio.

stated he was formerly a and had attended at columbus, Ohio, but withdrew due to ill health. was interviewed at his place of residence and after being apprised as to the official identities of the interviewing Agents furnished the following information:

When questioned as to why information concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING had not been brought to the attention of the proper authorities. Advised that he did not call the FBI in view of the fact he assumed that the information he had received was already known by the Bureau. Further stated that he had contacted several news agencies during the time immediately following his receipt of this information, none of which were interested in any information concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Stated that he is bringing the information he learned to the attention of the FBI at this time in view of the fact that Congress has expressed an interest in the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING and was currently conducting investigations regarding KING's death.

stated that he and his wife also present during the interview, own approximately 240 acres of land near Iron Bridge, Ontario, Canada, which he had purchased from telephone number Iron Bridge, Ontario, Carala, where he and his wife spend several weeks each year hunting and fishing. related that in October 1967, while visiting the cabin of currently owns approximately five acres of land adjacent to property), he and his wife observed three men leaving the hunting cabin. stated that these individuals had just completed a hunting trip utilizing as their guide, stated that he later learned that one of these individuals was reportedly a Federal Judge from Louisiana named BRIGHAM YOUNG and the other two lawyers, names not known

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stated that he particularly remembers the name BRIGHAM YOUNG since he is familiar with the Mormon Church and its founder BRIGHAM YOUNG and said that his wife also recalled the name BRIGHAM YOUNG. Stated that he thought nothing of seeing these individuals at the cabin in view of the fact that he and his wife frequently see hunters at the cabin in that is a well-known hunting guide in the Iron Bridge area. Stated that both and utilize old logging cabins on his property and property owned by the Canadian Government in a 50 mile radius of his property for hunting expeditions.

Padvised that in October 1968 he and his wife were hunting with when they were reminded of the three individuals they had seen the previous year by stated that asked "do you remember when you were coming to my place in '67 and those three SOBs were leaving, did you notice they were acting funny?" stated that went on to say that had said that these men had offered him to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. while they were sitting in cabin (the 🛑 cabin is located on property in the vicinity of the property owned by and (had kicked them out. stated that then related the following which stated had told him:

stated that BRIGHAM YOUNG had contracted him to guide a party of three men on a hunting trip in the bush around Iron Bridge, Ontario. stated that YOUNG wanted to hunt but the two other men seemed to have no interest in hunting and that they wanted to stay in the cabin. The two men had been in the cabin approximately three days and had 'not picked up a gun.' On the third day they were sitting in the cabin when YOUNG made the comment to 'would you like to be a millionaire?' stated he wouldn't mind being a millionaire at which time YOUNG again stated 'I can make you a millionaire but you've got to do a job for me.' stated that at this point he became suspicious and somewhat angry but began to ask questions and play along.

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that YOUNG said 'we want MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. killed and we could pay you a million dollars for killing KING.' YOUNG went on to state 'we don't have the money with us but we could get the money for you if you agree to do it.' YOUNG continued 'we would give you 1/3 now, 1/3 when you kill KING, and after safe passage to another country of your choice where you will receive the remaining 1/3 at which time you will be on your own.' stated that at this point he became extremely angry and threw the men out of the cabin telling them never to return."

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related that 🚾 is approximately 80 years old, is in excellent physical condition, and is in his opinion a well-educated individual "who reads the Wall Street Journal daily." further advised that is employed as a guide in the Iron Bridge area and also is a guard for a gold mine approximately 25 miles from Iron Bridge near the Little White River. is "a very private individual further advised that who wouldn't talk to you unless he knows you very well" and in fact, has never related the aforementioned incident to him or anyone except best of his knowledge.

further advised that he does not think that has related this story to anyone else although he is not sure.

described and the two other men as white males, all in middle age, all huskilybuilt, 180 to 200 pounds.

Secret DATE: 1/10/77 : Mr. Gallagher 1 - J. B. Adams - R. J. Gallagher Deegan - J. O. Ingram - J. G. Deegan 1 - J. T. Aldhizer SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. V. R. Thornton T. W. Leavitt (Attn: HIDDIN IS THE ASSISTED M. J. Steinbeck) EXCIPT FIELD CHOWN To furnish excerpts from the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Report regarding our investigations Martin Luther King, Jr. RECOMMENDATION: None. For information. APPROVED: Adm. Serv Legal Coun.... Plan. F. Insp..... Ext. Affairs..... Fin. & Pers..... Director..... Gen. Inv. 9 // V Assoc. Dir. Dep. AD Adm..... DETAILS: A Task Force of the OPR is concluding a review, which began in May, 1976, of our fales at FBIHQ and in the field concerning our investigation of King's assassination, his security investigation, and other files relating to communist influence in the civil rights movement. On January 7, 1977, Fred Folsom, Task Force Leader, OPR, Department of Justice, made available excerpts from the OPR Task Force Report concerning the FBI's investigations of King, which will be submitted to the Attorney General (possibly on January 10, 1977). Folsom stated he was providing this information as a courtesy and to give the Bureau advance notice on information in this report which may tend to identify Bureau sources. Folsom reiterated that, prior to any public release of this report, it would be furnished the Bureau for review for purposes of classification and informant protection excisions. 10-106678 CONTINUED - OVER

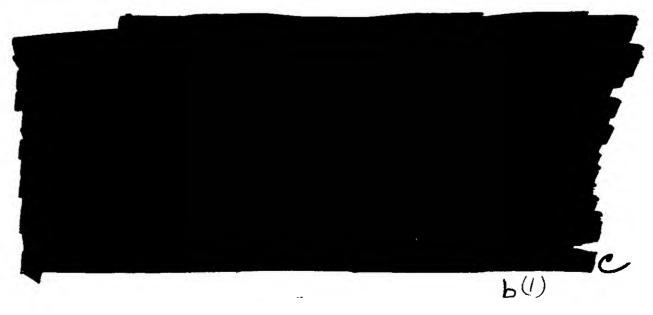
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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Mr. Long Mr. Held Mr. Gallagher 1 - Mr. Adams Mr. Deegan - Mr. Moore - Mr. Ingram - Mr. Mintz - Mr. Aldhizer 1 - Mr. Lenvitt 1 - Mr. DeBruier: - Mr. Nugent FEDERAL COVERNALIST Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel January 17, 1977 Office of Professional Responsibility Director, FBI **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED** HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3-2-81 BY SP4 Jemin REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE FBI-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY AND ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 12, 1977, captioned as above, which transmitted three copies of the report of the Department's Special Task Force concerning this Bureau's security investigation and assassination investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. This is to confirm receipt of those reports less Appendices 12, 17, 18 and C and to outline certain areas of agreement and concern discussed subsequent to its receipt at a conference on January 13, 1977, with you; Task Force Leader Fred Folsom; other members of your staff; and Inspector, Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram; Section Chiefs Joseph G. Deegan and James S. Peelman; and members of their respective staffs in the General Investigative Division. As agreed to at the conference, this report is to be classified "Top Secret" by the Department with assistance, insofar as Bureau data appearing therein is concerned, to be furnished by Special Agent (SA) David Ryan, this Bureau's Document Classification Officer (Security Officer). Mr. Ryan will be assisted by additional Agent personnel of this Bureau familiar with both investiga-100-106670 tions of King. Your memorandum of January 12, 1977, also requests the identities of Bureau personnel who will 22 JAN 18 1977 Osp. AD Adm. assist the Task Force in preparation of a publicly D., AD Inv. _ releasable report that is protective of privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods. The following individuals have been designated to assist the Task Force in this Ext. Affairs __ regard: Section Chiefs Joseph G. Deegan and James S. Files Com - Peelman and selected members of their respective staffs PEN: rsm (16) SEE NOTE PAGE TWD Tab and

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in the General Investigative Division. They will be assisted by SA of the Planning and Inspection Division, Richard C. Dennis, Jr., of the Records Management Division and SA Michael J. Steinbeck of the Intelligence Division.

The above individuals, in accordance with discussion at the January 13, 1977, conference, will also assist in reviewing the report's Appendices.

As noted during the conference, the Task Force's report is being considered an uncompleted document pending its review by this Bureau in accordance with the above. Review of the report has been undertaken and Bureau personnel assigned will be available to the Department as the need arises for consultation in any areas of additional concern. An additional meeting, to involve further discussion of the report, has been scheduled for the afternoon of January 17, 1977, in accordance with your request.

NOTE:

A Task Force from the OPR is concluding a review, which began in May, 1976, of our files at FBIHQ and in the field concerning our investigations of King. The findings of the Task Force have been included in a report which is now in our possession. This report is being reviewed by knowledgeable personnel concerning classification, privacy rights, sensitive sources and methods and inaccuracies. During the 1/13/77 meeting with OPR Task Force personne. it was established that due to the expedite basis of this report, Xerox copies would have to be made. These copies have been made and given to Section Chiefs Deegan and Peelman, with strict accountability procedures. It is to be noted that Appendices 12, 17, and 18 constitute Bureau documents. These documents were not made available to Justice Department staff personnel or in the copies furnished the Bureau because of their sensitivity and in attempt to prevent any premature dissemination of information contained therein. The report furnished the Attorney General contains these appendices as well as Appendix C, which was also not made available to the Bureau because of its bulky nature. Appendix C consists of notes from Bureau files and records from other sources compiled by the Department's Task Force in the preparation of this report. APPROVED:

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Re Bureau teletype to all SACs 8/6/76.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
December 29, 1976

Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20223 In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-2434

RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EXTREMIST MATTER

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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3. 🗀	Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Miami, Florida

December 29, 1976

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EXTREMIST MATTER

On December 22, 1976, PAT KECHANE, Chief Correctional Supervisor, Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Perrine, Florida, advised the following information was developed by a member of his staff during a recent conversation with an inmate ROBERT BYRON WATSON, Number regarding his b7c failure to adhere to FCI mailing procedures.

WATSON, who was sentenced to six years on October 6, 1972, for violation of Federal Narcotics Laws, indicated that he expected to be released from the prison prior to the inception of his full term as a result of a demonstration to be conducted in his behalf by DICK GREGORY at the White House. He requested to be confined to the FCI Segregation Unit in protective custody during the last week of January, 1977, since it is then that the demonstration will take place.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, is a well known nightclub entertainer and civil rights activist who recently has turned his attentions to the re-investigation of the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination.

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RE: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EXTREMIST MATTER

Records of the FCI revealed that in 1976, A. REGINALD EAVES, Public Safety Commissioner, Atlanta, Georgia, commenced an investigation after CREGORY supplied him with a forty-two page statement attributed to WATSON by his mother, regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. assassination. EAVES indicated that he planned to return the results of his investigation over to a correctional committee.

WATSON's statement contained an allegation that in 1968, while he was employed at Magellans Art Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia, he overheard GENE PURCELL and JERRY ADAMS, co-owners of the establishment, planning to kill KING approximately one week before the assassination. PURCELL at the present time is believed to be living in Clinton, Tennessee, and may previously have been employed with the then Atomic Energy Commission.

FCI records reflected that WATSON is a white male, date of birth August 8, 1953, FBI Number 260-514-Jlo. He has had numerous arrests since 1970, primarily for narcotics violations.

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FOR INFORMATION CHARLOTTE. THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHO TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS

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NOTE:

On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewing our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of 13 present and former Bureau officials. Interviews of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review. This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Counsel Division and above instructions being sent to the field at the suggestion of the Legal Counsel Division.

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Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher

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dated 12-17-76 indicated writer is 1 of 13 present and former Bureau

officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibil

Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning the King investigation.

On 12-28-76 starting at approximately 3:15 p.m., I was interview by James Kieckhefer of the OPRTF. The interview was concerning the Division 6 investigation of the Martin Luther King assassination, known in the Bureau as the Murkin investigation. I was interviewed for approximately 1 1/hours and it concerned itself primarily with the administrative aspects of the handling of the case. I responded to all questions posed by Mr. Kieckhefer, and he particularly wanted to know if 2 Agents from Division 5 were cognizant of the investigation. I responded I did not specifically know, however, it would not be uncommon for Agents of an interested division to review the results of a investigation.

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Mr. Kieckhefer stated that it may be necessary to interview me again, and I advised him that I would cooperate in any manner he desired.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Adams

1 - Mr. Gallagher

- V. R. Thornton

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RE EUREAU TELETYPE, AUGUST 6, 1976.

FCR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1976. CLEVELAND INCURRED NO MANPOWER OR OTHER COSTS RELATED TO THIS MATTER.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

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ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-12138)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW: COST DATA

Remylet 12/1/76.

Bureau nitel 8/16/76 requested the following information:

- 1) Manpower - none.
- Unusual cost none.

Future report in this matter will be submitted in 30 days.

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ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL, AUGUST 6, 1976, AND COLUMBIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 15, 1976.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN BUREAU NITEL AUGUST 6, 1976, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICAL INFORMATION EEING FURNISHED FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976:

1. MANPOWER UTILIZATION: NONE

2. UNUSUAL COST: NONE, INCURRED. 40-106670-458

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NEW HAVEN (100-18410) (P*) (ATTN:

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

Bureau nitel, 8/6/76. RE:

Manpower: None.

Unusual Costs: None.

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ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

:SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-4896) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

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Re Bureau nitel, 8/6/76.

In accordance with referenced nitel, the following is set forth:

1. MANPOWER

SA GS-13, Step 10

Hours Spent: 3

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Total Hours: 15

2. Unusual Costs: None

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BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ATTN: FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

SUBJECT:

SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA PERIOD ENDING 12/31/76

Re Bureau teletype to All SAC's, 8/6/76, and Anchorage letter to the Bureau, 12/1/76.

1. Manpower

None.

Unusual Cost 2.

None.

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	то:	Director, FBI (Attn: Budget and Accounting Section - Finance and Personnel Division)
	From:	SAC, Savannah (100-5591) MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
	Re:	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA DECEMBER 1 - 31, 1976
	airtel t	Re Bureau tels, 8/6/76, 10/5/76, and Savannah o Bureau, 12/2/76.
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		None 2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION ATTENTION:

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

ReButel to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

In compliance with request in referenced communication, the following is being submitted.

During December, 1976, no costs concerning this matter were incurred by the Minneapolis Division, either in Category 1 or 2.

Minneapolis will submit next report regarding this matt for period 1/1-30/77 to reach the Bureau by the fifth workday of. February, 1977, UACB.

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FROM:

SAC, PORTLAND (157-380) (REL) RUC

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

There were no manpower costs regarding captioned matter incurred by Portland Division during December, 1976.

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BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

AC, OMAHA (100-6862) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 8/6/76.

Manpower: For period 12/1 through 12/31/76 None

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	SUBJECT:	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA
	7/29/76.	Re Bureau nitels to all SACs, 8/6/76, 7/30/76, and
	ing data matter by	As requested in re nitel dated 8/6/76, the follow- is supplied as reflecting activity in captioned y the Honolulu Division through the period 12/1-31/76
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SAC, HOUSTON (100-10148) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING. JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

Re Houston letter, dated 12/1/76.

The following December, 1976, data being submitted in accordance with previous instructions:

- (1) Manpower - None
- (2) Unusual Costs None

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DATE: 1/4/77

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION

SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9838)

SUBJECT

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW;

COST DATA

Re San Antonio letter to the Bureau, 12/3/76.

The San Antonio Division has no cost data information to report for December 1976.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)
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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

ReButel 8/6/76.

Following data submitted re costs at Tampa 12/1/76 through 12/31/76:

- 1. Manpower none.
- 2. Unusual Costs none.

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(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION - FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)

SAC, NORFOLK (100-7488) (P) FROM:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW: COST DATA

Re Norfolk airtel to the Bureau 12/3/76.

Norfolk has nothing to report in connection with this matter for the month of December, 1976.

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RE BUREAU TEL TO ALL SACS AUGUST 6, 1976.

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DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER.

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TO:	DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) (ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, FINANCE AND PERSONNEL DIVISION)
FROM:	SAC, ALBANY (100-18761) (RUC)
SUBJECT:	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA
	Re Bureau teletype to Albany, 8/6/76.
	Albany incurred no manpower expenditure in file review during 12/76, with no unusual or out rdinary costs.
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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Atlanta airtel to FBIHQ, 12/3/76.

During the month of December, 1976, the Atlanta Office did not incur any costs in connection with captioned matter. h/1

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE SAN DIEGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU ATTENTION DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JAMES O. INGRAM, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, DATED OCTOBER 18. 1976.

IN REGARD TO COSTS INCURRED IN CAPTIONED MATTER FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER. 1976:

- MANPOWER: NONE
- 2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-56121) (SQ12) (RUC)

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SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

COST DATA

Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 8/6/76; Bureau teletype to all SACs, 10/5/76; and Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 12/6/76.

The following is provided per request in Bureau teletype, 8/6/76:

I. MANPOWER

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UNITED STATES GUYERNMENT Dep. AD. Adm. **1**emorandum Des. At lev. Mitarlies MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUBJECT: Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher, former Bureau 12/17/76, indicated Section Chief, as one of 13 present and former Bureau officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning our King investigation. At approximately 3:15 PM, 12/22/76, writer received a telephone call from Kentucky. advised that he had just been telephonically contacted by a Mr. Gross who told him he was with the Department of Justice and wanted to interview concerning the King case. Gross said that he had already interviewed the writer. (Separate memorandum has been submitted concerning the interview of writer by John Gross and another representative of the OPRTF.) also indicated he had already been contacted by our Louisville Office alerting him to a possible interview. (Separately reported by a Louisville teletype.) 101-106670indicated the principal purpose of his call was to verify with the writer the authenticity of Gross. Writer that a John Gross was with the Department's confirmed to Task Force looking into the King case and described Gross to It was also indicated to that Gross would undoubtedly have credentials to show on any interview. Gross told that he was going to to be there over the holidays and they agreed to get JAN 5 1977 together on the phone to possibly arrange an interview pro<u>vide</u>d health would permit same. inquired as to the purpose of the Department's inquiry and he was furnished same in general terms as has been reported in the press. Then reviewed with writer his functions as Section Chief when the King investigation was 7 underway and his recollections of the case, especially the basis for the King investigation. Writer took care to not or refresh his recollection or indicate 17(c) 100-106670 - Personnel File (out of service) Messrs. Adams, Mintz, Gallagher, Deegan, V. R. Thornton kwmj (8)

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Memo for Mr. O'Rourke Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

what ground was covered in the interview of the writer. It was merely indicated to that the Bureau is fully cooperating with the Department in this matter.

ACTION:

None . . . for information.

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: R.J. Gallagher

: J.G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. Adams

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DATE: 12/17/76

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PURPOSE:

Purpose is to advise that personnel of the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) Task Force, who are reviewing our investigations of King, advised they intend to interview several present and former Bureau officials. Also to recommend current employees be made available for interview and to recommend present and former employees be released from their obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence. To further recommend OPR be furnished last known addresses of former personnel and that they be alerted to interview.

SYNOPSIS:

On 12/16/76, the OPR Task Force which has been reviewin our investigations of King since 5/10/76, advised they intend to interview a total of thirteen present and former Bureau officials. The interviews will be concerned with ascertaining why certain instructions and actions were issued from FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) to the field and other aspects of the supervision of the Martin Luth King, Jr., investigations. Interview of present and former personnel is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

100-104-70-4 (I) That present employees, who are to be interviewed, be made available to the Department for interview and that former employees be made aware the Department is interested in interviewing them. YUM 3 (2)JAN 4 1977

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That present and former employees be released from the obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence

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Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher Re: Martin Luther King, Jr. 100-106670

DETAILS:

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You have been previously advised that since 5/10/76, the Departmental Task Force of the OPR has been reviewing our investigations of Martin Luther King, Jr.,

On 12/16/76, OPR personnel advised that they intend to interview the following present and former Bureau officials:

PRESENT

Mr. Richard E. Long, Assistant Director, Finance and Personnel Division

Special Agent, Planning and Inspection

Division

Assistant Section Chief, Civil Rights Section,

General Investigative Division

Unit Chief, Civil Rights Section, General

Investigative Division

Section Chief, Civil Rights Section, General

Investigative Division

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Mr. A. Belmont*, former Assistant to the Director
former Section Chief
Mr. W.C. Sullivan, former Assistant to the Director
former Assistant to the Director
former Section Chief
former Section Chief

In addition OPR personnel stated they intended to interview Mr. W.F. Woods, who in 1968 was Supervisor in Charge of Special Memoranda Unit, General Investigative Division. Inquiry has determined that Mr. Woods is deceased. OPR personnel are being apprised of this fact.

* OPR personnel will be advised concerning the health of Mr. Belmont and both of whom are known to be in ill health.

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Request of OPR is in accordance with the Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the King review which is to include personal interviews as well as access to certain files. The interviews will be concerned with ascertaining why certain instructions and actions were issued from FBIHQ to the field and other aspects of the supervision of the Martin Luther King, Jr., investigations.

Legal Counsel Division indicates that current Bureau employees should be made available for interview at FBIHQ and that we should furnish the last known address of former employees to the Department.

In accordance with Legal Counsel Division desires, present and former employees to be interviewed will be advised that: (1) They are released from the obligation imposed by their employment agreements to maintain information obtained in the course of their employment in confidence, to the extent the agreement is applicable in such a situation: (2) The Bureau desires to extend full cooperation to the Department in connection with this inquiry and, therefore, they are encouraged to cooperate with the inquiry. However, employees will be advised to understand, clearly and unequivocably, they must decide for themselves whether or not to answer specific questions and no administrative action will be taken against them by the Bureau if they exercise their constitutions rights (Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination) in declining to answer questions. (3) With regard to requests for counsel, employees will be advised that the Bureau has no authority to provide such counsel. The individual employee must decide for himself if he feels the need for personal counsel in connection with his interview. Requests for appointment of counsel by the Department of Justice at Department expense or for appointment of private counsel should be made in the form of letters directed to the Attorn General and will be forwarded to the Department by FBIHQ.

It is noted that the role of the Legal Counsel Division in a situation such as this is limited to furnishing general advice and it is not appropriate for the Legal Counsel Division to attempt to advise individual employees regarding their specific situations.

Memorandum Deegan to Gallagher Re: Martin Luther King, Jr. 100-106670

A teletype will be sent to each field office in whose territory former employees were last known to reside instructing that the former employee be advised OPR personnel will be contacting them concerning an interview, and to furnish above instructions as suggested by Legal Counsel Division.

ADDENDUM: On 12/17/76 Mr. James Kieckhefer of the OPR Task Force advised in order for the Task Force to meet the Attorney General's deadline for completion of this inquiry it will be absolutely necessary that the above named individuals be interviewed no later than Tuesday, 12/21/76 or Wednesday, 12/22/76.

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DATE: 12/22/76

Memorandum from J. G. Deegan to R. J. Gallagher, 12/17/76, indicated writer is one of 13 present and former Bureau officials and Agents whom the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility Task Force (OPRTF) desired to interview concerning our King investigation.

On 12/21/76, during the approximate period 1:45 PM - 4:05 PM. writer was interviewed by James Kieckhefer of the OPRTF. Also participating in the interview but to a much lesser extent and only during about two-thirds of the time was Joseph Gross of the OPRTF. The following general subject matters were covered, not necessarily in the order listed:

Basis for King investigation;

How King investigation related to the investigation entitled "Communist Influence in Racial Matters (CIRM)";

King's relationship with Stanley Levison and Hunter Pitts O'Dell;

Evolution of COINTELPRO against King and conference at SOG in 12/63 when this was discussed;

Identities of personnel who handled King investigation at SOG:

Line of authority in handling the case in the approximate period 1963-1965, including identities of writer, Section Chief F. J. Baumgardner, Inspector Joseph Sizoo, Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, and Assistant to the Director A. H. Belmont;

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Memo to Mr. O'Rourke Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Preparation of briefs and monographs regarding King and CIRM;

Dispute in Fall, 1963, between Director Hoover and Sullivan/ Domestic Intelligence Division (DID) regarding King and CIRM;

Mailing of tape to King;

King as a security threat;

Organization of DID and Internal Security Section.

Two matters were particularly stressed by Kieckhefer. The first concerned a dispute which arose in the Fall of 1963 between Mr. Hoover and Sullivan/DID over the assessment of CIRM, and writer explained the circumstances surrounding this dispute as he best recalled it, cautioning that much of Hoover's remarks at the time should be viewed in its fullest context, which indicated that his remarks were many times sarcasm and did not mean what they said.

The second matter concerned whether or not there was a consensus within DID as to the threat represented by King because of the communist influences on him. In response to specific questions, writer expressed his belief that all of the principal Bureau supervisors and officials working on the King case, as well as Mr. Hoover, were convinced at the time that in light of all that was known about King, he was considered of considerable security concern to the nation and that the Bureau's investigation of him and actions taken against him were in the context of that concern.

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NOTE:

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ON DECEMBER 22, 1976, MR. JAMES KIECKHEYER, DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE, WAS ADVISED OF CONTENTS OF RETEL. MR. KIECKERFER ADVISED THAT 67(c) BECAUSE OF (FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR) FAILING HEALTH AND DETERIORATED PHYSICAL CONDITION, OPR WILL MAKE HO EFFORT TO INTERVIEW HIM.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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FOR INFORMATION ALEXANDRIA, THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) TASK FORCE HAS BEEN REVIEWING OUR SECURITY INVESTIGATION AND OUR INVESTIGATION INVOLVING THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PERSONNEL ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO INTERVIEW SEVERAL FORMER BUREAU OFFICIALS. THE INTERVIEWS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ASCERTAINING WHY CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONS AND ACTIONS WERE ISSUED FROM FBIHQ TO THE FIELD AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INVESTIGATIONS.

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PERSONNEL WILL BE ADVISED CONCERNING THE HEALTH

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IF EITHER OFFICE HAS ANY CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE

INDIVIDUAL'S'STATUS, WHICH WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OPR

PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT INTERVIEW THEM, ADVISE FBIHQ.

RECIPIENTS SHOULD ADVISE THOSE FORMER EMPLOYEES RESIDING WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS THAT OPR PERSONNEL WILL BE CONTACTING THEM CONCERNING AN INTERVIEW AND FURNISH THEM WITH THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) THEY ARE RELEASED FROM THE OBLIGATION IMPOSEI BY THEIR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS TO MAINTAIN INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN CONFIDENCE, TO THE EXTENT THE AGREEMENT IS APPLICABLE IN SUCH A SITUATION. (2) THE

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OPR TASK FORCE PERSONNEL HAVE INDICATED IN ORDER FOR in them to meet the attorney general's deadline for completion of this inquiry it will be absolutely necessary that these interviews be completed no later than tuesday, december 21, 1976 or wednesday december 22, 1976.

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ON DECEMBER 15, 1976, TASK FORCE PERSONNEL MR. JEFF COVERT AND MS. HOPE BYRNE ARRIVED AT BALTIMORE OFFICE AROUND 9:30 AM AND REVIEWED NECESSARY KING ASSASSINATION FILES SET FORTH IN REFERENCED COMMUNICATION.

REVIEW WAS COMPLETED AT 4 PM THIS DATE AND TASK FORCE PERSONNEL DEPARTED AT THAT TIME. NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

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